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JANUARY 1-31, 1978

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1. CONGEN LENINGRAD TRAVEL STATISTICS FOR PERIOD
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31, 1978 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

REQUESTS: 55
DESTINATIONS: 17
TRAVELLERS: 94
SELF-CANCELLED: 4
REFUSED/ALTERED: 2
EXCEPTIONS GRANTED: 4

CONGEN PERSONNEL RECEIVED TWO DIRECT REFUSALS BY DIP
AGENCY TO REGISTER REQUESTS FOR TRAVEL, AND FOUR DE
FACTO TURNDOWNS.

2. DIRECT REFUSALS WERE:

A. PERMISSION FOR TRIP TO YEREVAN, REQUESTED FOR
AMERICAN TEACHERS' NANNY, JOANIE ADAMAITIS (AMCIT), ON
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MARCH 21 WAS FIRST GRANTED AND THEN WITHDRAWN WHEN DIP
AGENCY LEARNED MISS ADAMAITIS PLANNED TO STAY WITH
FRIENDS IN YEREVAN RATHER THAN MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

B. REQUEST MADE ON MARCH 28 BY CONGENOFF ROBERT
BRYAN TO TRAVEL TO BORDER BY VEHICLE TO ESCORT POUCH
WAS TURNED DOWN FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE EIGHT-HOUR

WORKDAY ADVANCE NOTICE.

3. FOUR DE FACTO TURNDOWNS INVOLVED:

A. NOTICE TO CONSUL GENERAL BUCHANAN DURING RIGA-VENTSPILS-OGRE TRIP ON FEBRUARY 8 THAT HE COULD NOT TRAVEL TO OGRE BECAUSE FACTORY TO BE VISITED THERE NOT OPEN TO FOREIGNERS AND BECAUSE "BRIDGE WAS DOWN" (REFTEL B).

B. NOTICE TO CONSUL GENERAL BUCHANAN IN CONNECTION WITH FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 1 VILNIUS TRIP (REFTEL A) THAT HE COULD NOT PROCEED ON TO KAUNAS AS PLANNED. BUCHANAN, HOWEVER, WAS PERMITTED TO VISIT THE RESORT TOWN OF TRAKAI.

C. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST ON MARCH 9 FSIO HOWARD DANIEL WAS TOLD BY DIP AGENCY HE WOULD HAVE TO APPLY TO LITHUANIAN AUTHORITIES IN VILNIUS FOR PERMISSION TO ACCOMPANY THE PRO ARTE ORCHESTRA ON TO KAUNAS. FOR OTHER REASONS GROUP DID NOT GO TO KAUNAS SO SUBSEQUENT APPLICATION WAS NOT MADE.

D. A TRIP WAS REGISTERED ON JANUARY 16 FOR CONOFF CLYATT AND FAMILY TO VISIT ROSTOV, YAROSLAVL, AND KOSTROMA, BUT UPIP REPORTED INABILITY TO OBTAIN RAIL TICKETS FROM MOSCOW TO YAROSLAVL.
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3. ON THE PLUS SIDE, DIP AGENCY DID NOT APPLY THE 21-DAY RULE FOR ADDING BORDER CROSSING POINTS. REQUEST BY CONOFF CLYATT FOR BORDER CROSSING AT BREST MADE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7 WAS COMPLIED WITH ON MONDAY, APRIL 10.

4. POST RECOMMENDS RETALIATION AS APPROPRIATE.

5. COMMENT: IN OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, UPI REPORTER SVEILIS EXPERIENCED THREE TURNDOWNS OF TRAVEL REQUESTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER:

A. DIP AGENCY ADVISED SVEILIS IT WOULD NOT BE WORTH HIS WHILE TO APPLY FOR VISIT TO KRONSTADT.

B. EFFORT TO COVER INTERNATIONAL SKIING AND BOB-SLEDDING COMPETITIONS AT KAVGOLOVO WAS INITIALLY REJECTED BECAUSE EVENT INVOLVED ONLY SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THEN RE-NEGOTIATED AND TOSSED BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD AUTHORITIES FOR DECISION UNTIL THE EVENTS WERE ALREADY FINISHED.

C. HE WAS DENIED ACCESS TO ALREADY BOOKED RETURN
FLIGHT FROM RIGA ON GROUNDS FLIGHT TERMINATES AT
DOMESTIC LENINGRAD AIRPORT. BUCHANAN

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